(b) Livestock census was conducted during 1992. A statement indicating the total number of cows. buffaloes, goats and sheep alongwith number per thousand of human population is annexed. (*See* below).

(c) Although the total number of cattle population is increasing over time, yet their number against per thousand human population is decreasing. This is because the rate of increase in human population is higher than the rate of growth in animal population. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying lays emphasis not only on animal health but also on the effective improvement in productivity, and better utilisation of stock. In pursuance of these primary objectives, the Department is implementing a total of 44 Schemes with an annual outlay of Rs.300 crores.

Statement

Number of Cows, Buffaloes, Goats and Sheep per Thousand of Human Population

Year	Cows	Buffaloes	Goats	Sheep
		Total	Total	Total
1951	242	147	160	132
	(71373)	(43400)	(47155)	(39052)
1961	178	117	139	92
	(78138)	(51212)	(60864)	(40223)
1972	147	105	123	73
	(80574)	(57426)	(67518)	(39993)
1982	133	102	139	71
	(90899)	(69783)	(95255)	(48765)
1992	122	99	136	60
	(102988)	(84206)	(115279)	(50783)

N.B. Figures in Brackets indicate total number in thousands.

Drought prone districts of Gujarat

1550. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations requesting Government to currect the names of drought prone districts of Gujarat have been received;

(b) if so, what are the names of drought prone districts in Gujarat; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to provide relief to these drought prone districts of the State under Drought Prone Area Programme and other schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The Department of Land Resource has informed that no representation has been received by them in this regard. According to them, Amreli, Ahmedabad, Bharuch, Bhavnagar, Dang, Junagarh, Panchmahal, Sabarkantha, Vadodara and Valsad districts in the State are at present under coverage of the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP). 449 watershed projects were sanctioned in the DPAP districts in the State since 1995-96 and are under various stages of implementation. Rs.33.62 crore has so far been released as Central share towards cost of this project. 230 new watershed projects have also been sanctioned to these DPAP districts during 1999-2000 and the first instalment of Rs.3.45 crore has also been released.

Agricultural development in North-Eastern States

1551. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan and programme for all round development of agriculture in North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, what is present status of these plans and programmes; and

(c) how far these plans and programmes have really benefited the people of North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the present schematic and programme based system, the Government is providing Central assistance to the North Eastern States under various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes/programmes/projects. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is earmarking 10 per cent of the total plan funds for the North Eastern region. A non-lapsable central pool of resources for this